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ANNOUNCEMENT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DOD NEWS RELEASE DATED SEPTEMBER 12,
1974 CONCERNING REFORGER 74:

"UNITED STATES-BASED ARMY UNITS WILL RETURN TO GERMANY TO
PARTICIPATE IN A FIELD MANEUVER CALLED EXERCISE REFORGER 74.

"FOR THE SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, APPROXIMATELY 12,000
SOLDIERS WILL BE FLOWN FROM US BASES BY US AIR FORCE PLANES
TO RHEIN-MAIN, RAMSTEIN AND ECHTERDINGEN AIRFIELDS IN THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. ADVANCE ELEMENTS OF THE
REFORGER FORCES ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON SEPTEMBER 30,
FOLLOWED BY THE MAIN BODY ELEMENTS ON OCTOBER 2.

"MAJOR UNITS DEPLOYING FROM THE US FOR REFORGER 74 INCLUDE:
2ND BRIGADE OF THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION (BIG RED ONE) FROM
FORT RILEY, KANSAS, WHICH WILL JOIN THE 3RD BRIGADE OF THE
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BIG RED ONE STATIONED IN GOEPPINGEN, GERMANY; AND THE 2ND BRIGADE, 2ND ARMORED DIVISION FROM FORT HOOD, TEXAS. OTHER UNITS ARE: 337TH ARMY SECURITY AGENCY COMPANY, FORT RILEY; 85TH COMBAT SUPPORT HOSPITAL, FORT LEE, VIRGINIA; 427TH MEDICAL COMPANY (AMBULANCE), FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA; 34TH ENGINEER BATTALION, FORT RILEY; 100TH TRANSPORTATION

COMPANY, FORT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA; 664TH ORDNANCE COMPANY, HQ. DETACHMENT, 36TH MEDICAL BATTALION AND D COMPANY, 16TH SIGNAL BATTALION, ALL FROM FORT HOOD, AND THE 1ST BATTALION 70TH ARMOR FROM THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION, FORT CARSON, COLORADO. MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND'S STRATEGIC AIRLIFT FORCE OF C-5 GALAXY AND C-141 STARLIFTER AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED IN BOTH THE DEPLOYMENT AND REDEPLOYMENT PHASES OF THE EXERCISE TO TRANSPORT THE SOLDIERS AND THEIR PERSONAL EQUIPMENT.

"THE UNITS WILL DRAW MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT INCLUDING COMBAT VEHICLES, FROM PREPOSITIONED STORAGE SITES IN GERMANY AND MOVE TO AN EXERCISE AREA EXTENDING FROM STUTTGART-ULM EAST BY NORTHEAST ALONG THE NURENBURG-MUNICH AUTOBAHN TO INGOLSTADT-ROTH.

"ON OCTOBER 10, REFORGER UNITS WILL BEGIN AN 11-DAY FIELD MANEUVER CALLED 'CERTAIN PLEDGE' IN WHICH THEY ARE PITTED AGAINST 'AGGRESSOR' FORCES COMPOSED OF EUROPEAN BASED ELEMENTS OF NATO INCLUDING THE US 1ST ARMORED DIVISION AND THE 4TH CANADIAN MECHANIZED BRIGADE GROUP. DURING THE MANEUVER, US, CANADIAN AND GERMAN AIR FORCES AIRCRAFT WILL SUPPORT THE FIELD UNITS. THE GERMAN 30TH PANZER BRIGADE WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE ON THE SIDE OF THE REFORGER FORCES.

"FOLLOWING THE FIELD MANEUVER, REFORGER UNITS WILL TEST FIRE ARTILLERY AND TANKS AT THE US ARMY TRAINING AREA AT GRAFENWOEHR BEFORE RETURNING EQUIPMENT TO STORAGE SITES. THE MAIN BODY WILL FLY BACK TO THE US FROM NURENBURG, WHILE THOSE WHO COMPLETE FINAL MAINTENANCE AND TURN-IN OF EQUIPMENT WILL DEPART FROM RAMSTEIN.

"AS IN REFORGERS PAST, THE FOCUS OF THE EXERCISE IS TO SHARPEN TECHNIQUES FOR RECEIVING, EQUIPPING, ASSEMBLING AND UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPLOYING DUAL-BASED ARMY UNITS WHICH ARE DESIGNATED TO FULFILL US COMMITMENTS TO NATO AND THOSE MADE IN THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES.

"EMPHASIS DURING THE DEPLOYMENT PHASE FROM THE UNITED STATES WILL BE ON MOVEMENT TECHNIQUES AND NOT ON SPEED." KISSINGER

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